MINUTES OF THE CHESHIRE TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2010 IN ROOM 207, AT 7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL, 84 SOUTH MAIN STREET, CHESHIRE CT 06410

Present
David Schrumm, Chairman; Michael Ecke and Thomas Ruocco.
Staff: Michael A. Milone, Town Manager; Patti Lynn Ryan, Finance Director; James Jaskot, Deputy Finance Director; Dr. Greg Florio, Superintendent of Schools; Vincent Masciani, Business Manager, Dept. of Education

1. ROLL CALL
The clerk called the roll and a quorum was determined to be present.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The group Pledged Allegiance to the Flag.

3. Acceptance and appropriation of a $25 donation from Edward Fleming to the Police Department Gift Account.

4. Acceptance and appropriation of a $100 donation from James and Jacqueline Sima to the Cheshire Fuel Bank.

5. Acceptance and appropriation of a $100 donation from the Sisterhood of Temple Beth David to the Cheshire Fuel Bank.

6. Acceptance and appropriation of $323.14 from summer theater programs concessions to the CPFA Gift Account for scholarships.

7. Acceptance and appropriation of $1,184.84 from concessions and candy sales to the CPFA Amphitheater fund.

8. Acceptance and appropriation of $4,650 unsolicited grant from the Connecticut Community Foundation to the Human Services Gift Account for direct assistance to senior residents.

9. Acceptance and appropriation of a $300 donation from the Cheshire Newcomers Club to the Cheshire Fuel Bank.

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11. Authorization to apply for a $6,000 Connecticut State Library 2011 Historic Document Preservation Grant for the purchase of map Cabinets for the Town Clerk vault.
12. Acceptance of a $40 donation from the Southwick Book Club in memory of Joyce LeVasseur to the Library Gift Account and appropriation of said amount for purchase of books, materials and equipment.

13. Acceptance of a $25 donation from Nancy and David Burt in memory of Anita Lynn and appropriation of said amount to the Library Gift Account for purchase of books, materials, and equipment.


15. Acceptance of a $75 donation from the Cheshire Women’s Club and appropriation of said amount to the Library Gift Account for purchase of books, materials, and equipment.


17. Acceptance of a $14.75 donation from Suzanne and Vincent Robitaille in memory of Paul Simisky and appropriation of said amount to the Library Gift Account for the purchase of books, materials and equipment.

18. Acceptance of a $60 donation from Diane and Bill Conroy in memory of I. Samuel Lape and appropriation of said amount to the Library Gift Account for the purchase of books, materials and equipment.

19. Acceptance of a $250 donation from Barry and Claudia Spaulding and appropriation of said amount to the Library Gift Account for the purchase of audio books.

20. Acceptance of two $25 donations from the Friends of Cheshire Library in memory of Walter Marut and Barbara Staley, and appropriation of said amount to the Library Gift Account for the purchase of books, materials and equipment.

21. Acceptance of an $850 donation from the Cheshire Rotary Club Charitable Foundation and appropriation of said amount to the Library Gift Account for the purchase of books, materials and equipment.

22. Acceptance of a $10 donation from Emily Murphy in honor of Abby
Abramson and appropriation of said amount to the Library Gift Account for the purchase of books, materials and equipment.

23. Acceptance of $2,504 in State Aid from the Connecticut State Library and appropriation of said amount to a Library Special Revenue Account for the purchase of books, materials and equipment.

24. Acceptance of a $10 donation from Priscilla Lavin and appropriation of said amount to the Library Gift Account for the purchase of paperback books.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Ecke.

MOVED to accept agenda items #3 through #24 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

25. Adoption of the FY 2010-2011 General Operating Budget.
Mr. Schrumm stated that the numbers have been amended based on the discussions from the April 12th meeting, and the CRRA distribution has been clarified.

Regarding the CRRA funds, Mr. Milone explained that the reason it says any excess funds will be subject to subsequent appropriations is because, technically, if more money is received it must be appropriated and the bottom line of the budget would have to be increased. This was the concern of the Town Attorney and this is why it says something about having to make another appropriation if the CRRA money exceeds $5,625,000. Any additional revenue will not exceed $350,000 so it will not have to go back to referendum.

26. Adoption of the FY 2010-2011 Water Pollution Control Department Fund Operating Budget.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Ecke.

MOVED to accept agenda items #26 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

27. Adoption of the FY 2010-2011 Community Pool Fund Operating Budget.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Ecke.
MOVED to accept agenda items #27 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

28. Extension of lease of former Casertano property.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Ecke.

MOVED to accept agenda items #28 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion
This is straightforward and the only difference is that the lease was advertised, and there were no responders other than Mr. Arisco. Mr. Milone noted he is a good tenant. The lease agreement remains the same.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.


MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Ecke.

MOVED to accept agenda items #29 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion
There is information in the Council packets on this agenda item, and Mr. Schrumm noted that the Town is using the same vendor.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

30. Approval of lease of portion of Boulder Knoll for sunflower project.

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Ecke.

MOVED to accept agenda items #30 and forward to the full Town Council for approval.

Discussion
Mr. Milone reported that the Town is awaiting the insurance policy, and approval is based on the Town receiving all the needed documents. The profits from this venture are donated to the American Cancer Society.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.
31. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Ruocco; seconded by Mr. Ecke.

MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

VOTE The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Attest:

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Marilyn W. Milton, Clerk